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SUBJECT: ITALIAN INTEGRATED CIRCUITS TO ROMANIA

REF: A) COCOM DOC (77)140

1. STATUS REPORT ON USG CONSIDERATION OF REF CASE, AS FOR-
WARDED MARCH 21 TO ITALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER (BADINI), IS
AS FOLLOWS:

(A) TECHNICAL REVIEW OF MOST RECENT ITALIAN PROPOSAL IS
PROCEEDING ON THE BASIS OF ITALIAN EMBASSY LETTER CONFIRMING
DELETION OF MICROPROCESSOR (M38 INTEGRATED CIRCUIT SERIES)
FROM THE TRANSACTION.

(B) TECHNICAL CONCERNS THUS FAR CENTER ON RANDOM ACCESS
MEMORY CIRCUITS (M330) AND POSSIBILITY THAT READ-ONLY
MEMORY CIRCUITS (M240) WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PREPROGRAMMED
PRIOR TO DELIVERY TO ROMANIAN CUSTOMER. ITALIAN EMBASSY
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WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON LATTER POINT, INCLUDING WILLINGNESS
OF APPLICANT TO CERTIFY THAT THE MICROCODE WAS APPROPRIATE
FOR THE CIVIL END-USE ENVISIONED. FORMER POINT SURFACED AS
WELL DURING OCTOBER TECHNICAL REVIEW WITH APPLICANT AND
SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE EITHER GOI OR APPLICANT.
DEPARTMENT'S PRESENTATION STRESSED THAT ANALYSIS WAS PRE-
LIMINARY AND INFORMAL AND THAT FURTHER REVIEW MAY DEVELOP

FURTHER CONCERNS OR ALLAY THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE.

(C) IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S QUERY, WE SAID THAT WE SEE NO RPT NO NECESSITY FOR A FURTHER TECHNICAL MEETING WITH THE APPLICANT AT THIS TIME. MAJOR USG CONCERNS SURFACED DURING OCTOBER 6 MEETING AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS THUS FAR. ITALIAN EMBASSY WAS INFORMED THAT IF ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ARISE RE CIRCUITS OR EQUIPMENT IN THE REVISED TRANSACTION OR, IF THE FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF OUR TECHNICAL REVIEW, THE ITALIAN APPLICANT BELIEVES FURTHER TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO USG ATTENTION, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH THEM AT THAT TIME.

(D) NO RPT NO DEADLINE WAS SET FOR COMPLETION OF TECHNICAL REVIEW. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT COMPREHENSIVE TECHNICAL REVIEW CAN NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL WE RECEIVE A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL EQUIPMENT, CIRCUITS, ETC. INCLUDED IN THE REVISED TRANSACTION. THE EMBASSY HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION AND RECOGNIZES THAT BALL IS IN ITALIAN COURT.

2. FOR PARIS: HAS ITALIAN COCOM DEL FORMALIZED MOST RECENT ITALIAN PROPOSAL THERE? WE HAVE TOLD ITALIAN EMBASSY THAT INFORMATION SUBMITTED BILATERALLY SHOULD ALSO GO THROUGH COCOM AS WELL, EVEN THOUGH WE WOULD EXPECT TO KEEP MAJOR ACTION IN THIS CASE IN BILATERAL CHANNELS. VANCE
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